

Town of Tyringham, MA

Planning Board Meeting

January 28, 2013

Town Hall - 7:00 P.M.

Approved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

In attendance: Jerry Miller, Rich Biasin, Robin Almgren, Barbara Palmer, Ed Nardi, Christina Alsop

January 14, 2013 meeting minutes approved with changes.

No public in attendance.

A review and discussion of the time table needed for a 6.7 by-law warrant at the Town Meeting:

- the planning board's work on 6.7 and 6.7.1 should be completed by March 11th
- at the beginning of April the planning board needs a 2-3 sentence paragraph drafted and submitted to Molly and Mimi for the warrant
- at least two weeks prior to the Town Meeting there should be a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for April 8th
- two weeks prior to the public hearing a notice of the hearing should be published for two consecutive weeks in the Berkshire Eagle, tentatively scheduled for March 22nd and April 1st, with information as to where the proposed by-law/warrant can be viewed

Further review of the draft 6.7 by-law with much of Jerry's suggested revisions being approved. All agreed section XII; Insurance & Indemnification, Surety and Bonds, should be reviewed by Attorney Pollard.

Jerry reminded members that Carey McIntosh had notified him that the Affordable Housing Committee would give an informational presentation of the building plans for the Wilcox/Bertelli property to the planning board at the next scheduled planning board meeting on February 11, 2013.

As Tyringham delegate to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Ed Nardi gave the members a summation of the most important topics of their recent meetings. Regarding the process and status for the rebuilding of the Tyringham Road in Lee, he explained that the Metropolitan Planning Commission administers the funds for building roads. Peter Niles is the District Manager for the Dept. of Transportation. Dalton was granted the first-in-line approval to rebuild Housatonic Street but it may be that they do not have all their engineering completed and so may not be ready. It is thought that Lee is closer to being ready so it is possible that the rebuilding of Tyringham Road may be put ahead of Dalton - it may go out to bid in 2013 to be built in the spring of 2014. Ed added there have been studies done that show traffic on Route 20 through Lee is down whereas truck traffic is up. It is conjectured that the higher truck traffic is a consequence of the trucks avoiding tolls whenever possible. In addition, the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority is in the process of forming a comprehensive 10 year plan to increase services.

A motion was brought, seconded and carried; meeting adjourned @ 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Almgren